

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

February 15, 2005

On May 25, 2004, the Board approved the 2004-2005 One-Year Action Plan for the Thirteenth Program Year (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005) to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purposes of meeting the County's housing and community development needs. The City of Whittier is a CDBG entitlement city and will be jointly developing the Parnell Park Community/Senior Center.

The Parnell Park Community/Senior Center project involves the design and construction of an approximately 13,500 square foot building at 10711 Scott Avenue, City of Whittier.

Approximately one-half of the facility will be used exclusively by senior citizens. The other half of the facility will be available for use by the general public. The project also involves the design and construction of a parking lot and a maintenance area that will include a 1,130 square foot maintenance building. Upon completion, the senior component of the new facility will serve approximately 250 seniors daily and provide social services, recreation classes, and daily and weekly activities.

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CDBG funds in the amount of \$137,000 are needed for a portion of the design and construction costs for the senior citizen component of the project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In May 2004, the City of Whittier prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Parnell Park Community/Senior Center project pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Based on the conclusions and findings of the EA, as mitigated, a Finding of No Significant Impact was noticed to the public on May 28, 2004. Following the required public and agency comment period, HUD issued a Release of Funds for the project on July 1, 2004. Upon review of the documentation, the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles concurred with the findings and approved the use of CDBG funds for this project on December 29, 2004.

This project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, because it involves construction that can be characterized as in-fill development in an urbanized area and, as mitigated, does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

The environmental review record is available for viewing by the public during business hours at the Community Development Commission's main office located at 2 Coral Circle, Monterey Park.

### **I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Find that Parnell Park Community/Senior Center Project, to be located at 10711 Scott Avenue, City of Whittier, is exempt from CEQA, as described above, because the proposed activity is characterized as in-fill development and the project, as mitigated, does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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2. Approve the award of a standard CDBG Reimbursable Contract to the City of Whittier to provide design and construction expenses for the Parnell Park Community/Senior Center, using \$137,000 in CDBG funds allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District.
3. Instruct the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission to execute four copies of the standard CDBG Reimbursable Contract, and any necessary amendments thereto, to be effective following approval as to form by County Counsel, and execution by all parties, through June 30, 2005

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